

Indiana Health Informatics Corporation (IHIC)

May 8, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Mitch Roob called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

- Mitch Roob
- Linda Chezem
- Chuck Christian
- Stan Crosley
- Jim Edlund MD
- Randy Howard MD
- Judy Monroe MD

Also in attendance were Dr. Jeff Wells of OMPP, John Kansky of IHIE (IHIC staff), and Tom Penno of IHIE.

John Kansky, as staff of IHIC, presented the outcomes of recent interviews conducted with all IHIC board members and other selected stakeholders. The interviews were done to gather more detailed input to inform the planning effort of the IHIC board. The information gathered centered on the roles the corporation should have and on the areas of focus where IHIC should expend effort and resources.

After a thorough discussion of the interview data, the board came to consensus that IHIC would concentrate its effort in three focus areas:

- Data Availability
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Policy

And would serve three primary roles:

- Envisioner and Planner
- Promoter & Advocate of Indiana HIEs
- Educator & Awareness Builder

In addition, the board endorsed the idea of forming working groups to create an executable plan to fulfill the goals of IHIC. These working groups should be open to participation by all board members but will include representatives from any stakeholder groups whose participation the board deems helpful and constructive to the process.

At the conclusion of the planning discussion, Secretary Roob tasked Mr. Kansky and Dr. Wells with meeting to advance the next steps for review by the board, and he encouraged that the planning process should continue forward as quickly as possible. Next steps include:

- Proposing goals for the corporation in the context of the chosen roles and focus areas
- Crafting a proposed structure and membership for the working groups

The board also discussed whether there were any near-term actions that should be taken while the planning process proceeds. Board member Chuck Christian recommended that the board consider the need, in the near future, to publicize IHIC's existence, purpose, and goals to the healthcare stakeholders across the state.

Next, in response to a need for more information expressed by members of the board at the April meeting, Mr. David Kelleher, representing the Employers Forum of Indiana, gave a brief overview presentation of the Indiana Health Information Exchange's Quality Health First program (QHF). Mr. Kelleher explained that the QHF program was aimed at the improvement of healthcare quality and cost efficiency. He explained the need for such improvement in Indiana and focused the discussion on the care of specific, prevalent chronic conditions. Mr. Kelleher generally explained the programs approach and goals, as well as challenges faced by QHF as IHIE pursues growth of the program to serve parts of the state beyond the 9-county Indianapolis healthcare market.

Mr Kansky then confirmed with the group that the next meeting of the board is July 10, 2008. Due to time constraints, the discussion of an IHIC representative to the State-Level HIE Consensus Project was tabled until the July board meeting.

Mr. Roob adjourned the meeting.